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Serial No.: 08 / 886, 625

Examiner: Garbowski, L.

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Art Unit: 2825

For: A METHOD FOR PHYSICAL PLACEMENT OF AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT ADAPTIVE TO NETLIST CHANGES

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**  
**(SUBSECTION(B) OF 35 U.S.C. § 132)**

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 for the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under a filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/ reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on 08/10/01  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Miscellaneous

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months.  
(period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months: Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)

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b. Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Extension of Term

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(a)  Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
(fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

| <u>Extension</u>    | <u>Fee</u> |
|---------------------|------------|
| [ ] one month       | \$110.00   |
| [ X ] two months    | \$390.00   |
| [ ] three months    | \$890.00   |
| [ ] four months     | \$1,390.00 |
| <b>Fee \$390.00</b> |            |

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(b)  Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

### FEES DUE

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

| CLAIMS   |               |           |              |          |                 |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------|----------|-----------------|
|  | NO. OF CLAIMS |           | EXTRA CLAIMS | RATE     | FEES            |
| Basic Application Fee                                    |               |           |              |          | \$710.00        |
| Total Claims   | 15            | Minus 20= | 0            | X \$18 = | \$0.00          |
| Independent Claims                                       | 3             | Minus 3=  | 0            | X \$80 = | \$0.00          |
| If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$260.00 |               |           |              |          | \$0.00          |
| <b>TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE</b>                         |               |           |              |          | <b>\$710.00</b> |

### PAYMENT OF FEES

1. The full fee due in connection with this communication is provided as follows:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.: 23-0085. A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$ 1,100.00

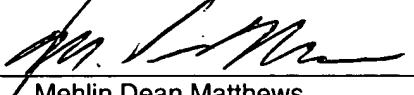
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